

ALASKA RARE COINS

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AUCTION: TO BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 13TH IN FAIRBANKS. These are just the Alaskan items. If you want a complete listing, please call or write to the address above. Phone bids may be called in between 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday to Saturday (noon on the day of the auction). Bids will also be accepted at the e-mail address above.

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| 226 | Cordova Token. The Southern Club, 6¼¢ in trade, B-36a. Nice AU with luster. | 50.00+ |
| 227 | Fairbanks Token. Fairview Hotel Pool Room, 25¢ in trade, B-19b, dug and cleaned but all legible. Sad to say, the catalogue value on this token is wrong! | 25.00 |
| 228 | Juneau Tokens. Imperial Cigar Store, 6¼¢ and 12½¢ in trade, B-29 a and b. Both EF or better and showing luster. The 12½¢ token is quite scarce compared to the 6¼¢. Two tokens. | 50.00+ |
| 229 | Koyukuk Tokens. D. Verneti, 12½ and 50¢ and \$1, \$5 and \$10 I/T tokens, B-3, a,c,d,e,f. Five affordable tokens from this tiny village. Missing only the 25¢ for a complete set. Ex our auction 10/14/00, lot #227. | 125.00 |
| 230 | Kwiguk Token. Alstrom, \$10 in trade, B-1f. One of the few fiber tokens issued in Alaska, most likely during World War II. VF or better. | 10.00+ |
| 231 | Noorvik Token. Noorvik Cooperative Store, \$1 in trade, B-1e, EF or better. Large, dollar-sized token. | 10.00+ |
| 232 | Valdez Token. Copper Block Buffet, 12½¢ Trade Check, B-4a, EF, brightly cleaned. Popular native copper token. | 35.00 |
| 233 | Alaska Railroad Medal, 1985. In 1985, the State purchased the Alaska Railroad from the Feds and a medal was struck in gold and silver to commemorate the event. 2,000 numbered silver medals were minted. The medal offered is number 2,000 and was never sold. A neat, historical item. | 50.00 |
| 234 | Official State of Alaska Medals. This lot includes a Proof 1993 Wolf (serial #1237) and a 2002 matte finish crab with a few marks. Both are one ounce pure silver. The Alaska Mint lists the 1993 Wolf at \$300. Two medals. | 150.00 |
| 235 | Proof Alaska Railroad Medals, 1996 and 1997. The Alaska Railroad, in conjunction with the Alaska Mint started issuing annual medals in 1990. The 1996 features a caboose, while the 1997 has an engine with a snowblower. Only 1,500 were authorized for each year and they currently list for \$90 and \$75 at the Alaska Mint. Both of these have their original packaging. These are both 1 oz. pure silver. Two medals. | 100.00-165.00 |
| 236 | Alaska Wildfire Medal, 1996. The current horrible fire season (and summer filled with smoke) brought to mind this medal. Probably the most devastating fire in recent memory occurred in June 1996 in the Big Lake area near Houston, AK. Before anyone could get a handle on it, approximately 200 plus homes, cabins and businesses burned. These 1 troy ounce medals were minted by the Alaska Mint as a fund raiser for fire relief and sold for about \$30. Our estimate | 30.00-50.00 |
| 237 | Official State of Alaska Gold Medal, 2000, 1 troy ounce. This was the year of the fox and only 187 of these were minted. In their last catalogue, the Alaska Mint listed these for \$700. A scarce medal. | 550.00-600.00 |
| 238 | Athabaskan Indian Beaded Wallet. Pale pink, clear and black beads on smoke-tanned moose hide with snap closure. 8.5 inches long (without snap) and 3.5 inches wide. Over 25 years old, exceptional quality and no wear. The maker was from Yukon Territory. | 75.00 |
| 239 | Ivory Jewelry. Here are two items that have long since ceased being made. The first is the politically incorrect "Happy Bears" tie tack (we are blushing as we write this) and the second is a pair of earrings intricately cut as daisies approximately ¾ of an inch in diameter. Retail on these two items was \$43 | 35.00-45.00 |
| 240 | Ivory Handled Cake Cutter. Up until the early 1970s, Seattle produced a lot of the Alaskan "art" pieces. Ivory handled knives, etc. were very popular. This ivory handled scrimshawed (dog team) piece is signed "Nuguruk" which is a fictitious name. These old Seattle pieces have become neat collectibles now. In their day, they were extremely popular as up-scale wedding gifts. For further information, Dorothy Jean Ray in her book <u>A Legacy of Arctic Art</u> (available from ARC) thoroughly covers this area. The ivory handle on this piece is four inches long, the whole cake cutter is 10 inches long. | 100.00+ |